

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 459, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. The House agreed to the conference report on S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3761–3762, and S. Res. 544. **Page S8411**

Measures Passed:

National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 544, designating September 20, 2006 as “National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day.” **Pages S8408–09**

National Airborne Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 405, designating August 16, 2006, as “National Airborne Day,” and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8409**

McConnell (for Hagel) Amendment No. 4739, to call on the people of the United States to observe “National Airborne Day” with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. **Page S8409**

Pension Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that not withstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, that when it receives from the House a bill relating to pension reform and a bill relating to estate tax, the bills be considered as read a first time during today’s session. **Page S8415**

Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 3711, to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for explo-

ration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico, at 3 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 2006, with the time until 5:30 p.m., equally divided between the two managers, or their designees, and at 5:30 p.m., Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 4:29 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 2006. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8416.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine recovery and reconstitution of critical networks relating to cyber security, focusing on immediate steps that Department of Homeland Security and the private sector can take to formalize a partnership and to ensure effective response and recovery to major cyber network disruption, after receiving testimony from

George Foresman, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Preparedness; Richard C. Schaeffer, Jr., Director of Information Assurance, National Security Agency; Karen Evans, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Director, Center for Technology and Engineering, Government Accountability Office; Thomas E. Noonan, Internet Security Systems, Atlanta, Georgia; Roberta A. Bienfait, AT&T's Global Network Operations, Atlanta, Georgia; Michael A. Aisenberg, VeriSign, Inc., Mountain View, California; and Karl Brondell, State Farm Insurance Companies, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Business Roundtable.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 74 public bills, H.R. 4, 5954–6026; and 24 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 459–466; and H. Res. 963–965, 967–979 were introduced. **Pages H6230–35**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6235–36**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5393, to provide for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to coordinate Federal housing assistance efforts in the case of disasters resulting in long-term housing needs (H. Rept. 109–607, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5810, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to authorize funding for brownfields revitalization activities and State response programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–608, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4650, to direct the Secretary of the Army to carry out programs and activities to enhance the safety of levees in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–609);

H.R. 4653, to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California (H. Rept. 109–610);

H.R. 5656, to provide for Federal energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–611);

H.R. 4957, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Tylersville division of the Lamar National Fish Hatchery and Fish Technology Center to

the State of Pennsylvania, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–612);

H. Res. 966, providing for consideration of H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions; and consideration of H.R. 4, to provide economic security for all Americans (H. Rept. 109–613); and

H.R. 5681, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2007, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–614). **Page H6230**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m. **Page H6023**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:10 p.m. **Page H6023**

Providing funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon: The House agreed by unanimous consent to the Wolf amendment to S. 3741, to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon. Subsequently, the House passed S. 3741, amended, without objection. **Pages H6029–30**

Summer District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 459, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yea and nay vote of 219 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 420. **Pages H6038–40**